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Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

The claims are drawn to "means plus function" limitations. In response to this requirement, please provide identify each means plus function limitation and the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function must be set forth with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.

For example, Claim 8 contains 3 "means plus function" recitations. Please identify the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function must be set forth with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.

It is noted that the examiner was specifically unable to identify a structure for the "means for marking the target substance with the marker and for attaching management information peculiar to the test piece, wherein the management information identifies the type and the position of each probe arranged and fixed on the test piece, to a predetermined location on the test piece using the same marker for marking the target substance".

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of [1] months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Jeanine A Goldberg

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